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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS ZEV YAROSLAVSKY AND
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Since its enactment on August 18, 1990, Title I of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act has provided funding for life-saving HIV/AIDS primary care and treatment services. For the past 15 years, Title I grant awards have been the cornerstone of HIV/AIDS treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS in Los Angeles County, particularly to those who can least afford it.

Unfortunately, in its 16th year of funding, federal support for Title I funds have significantly declined, and for the first time since 2000, the total national investment has dropped below \$580 million. For Los Angeles County, the Title I award for Year 16 was reduced by \$1.9M, a 5.3% reduction from the Year 15 amount of \$36.8M. This latest cut follows a reduction of \$400,000 to the County's HIV prevention funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). These funding reductions come at a time when an estimated 1,800 new HIV infections will occur in Los Angeles County each year. The majority of these new infections are occurring in communities of color.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Chief Administrative Office and the Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS Program

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and Policy (OAPP) to identify necessary funds to sustain current levels of HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment services and report to the Board during the June 2006 budget deliberations.

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